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FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING  
Saturday, 1st May, 1948.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.  
Through numbers (10 Races-\$20.) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Whiteman Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.**  
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

**NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.**

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all debts etc.

The Treasurers' Comptrollers' Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Birth Officer at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27810).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.**

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

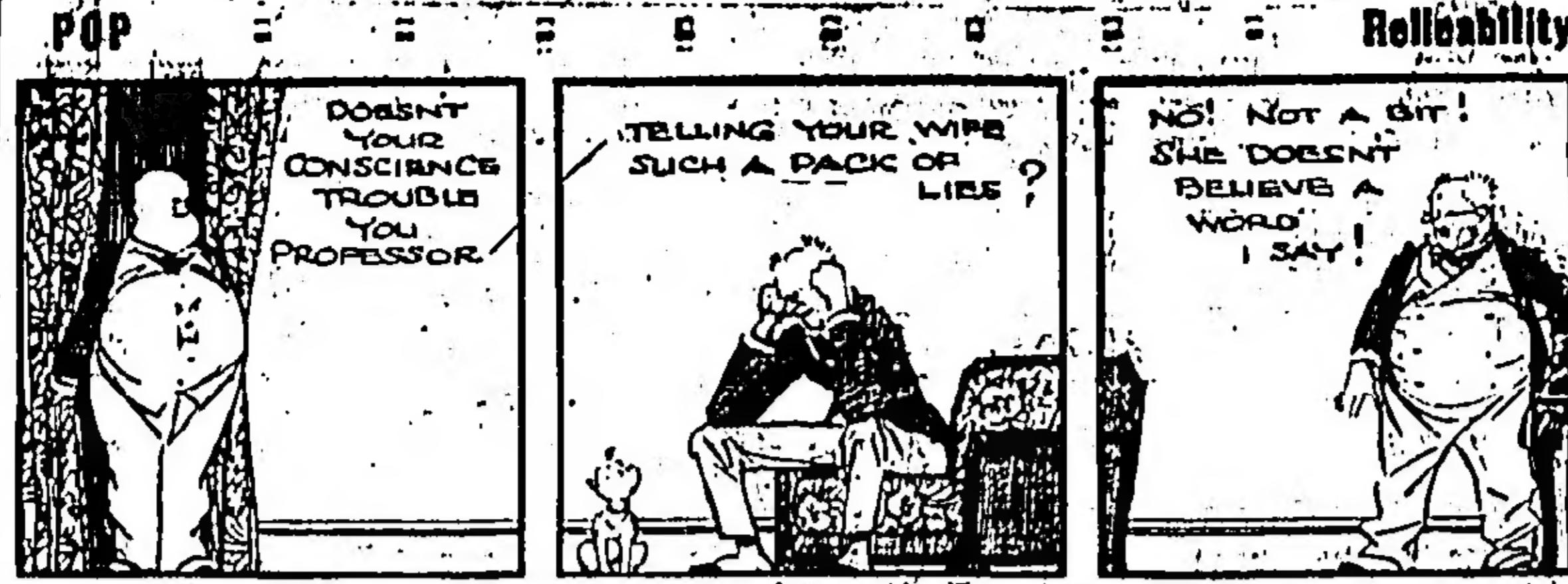
Bookmakers, Tic-Tac men etc. will not be permitted to operate within the premises of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSES.**

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are returned to the Club with discrimination and \$3 endorse their names on the list. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employer's stands.

**BY ORDER**  
S. A. Sharp,  
Adm. Secretary.



## FOKI CLAIMS UNLAWFUL ARREST

Complainant in the charges of unlawful detention and assault against Sub-Inspector N. A. Clarke, Det. P.C. Lau Hoi-nam and P.C. Chan Po-wah was further cross-examined by defence counsel, Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, at the resumed hearing before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Kwan Shing, a rice stall foki, was in the box the whole day. Mr. F. W. Shafman, O.B.E., Senior Police Superintendent and Officer-in-charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch, prosecuted, while Mr. A. S. C. Comber, Mr. Remedios and Mr. Alfred Bon represented defendants.

Kwan, under cross-examination, said he knew Lee Lap, the Special Branch man, through the mistress of the rice stall. He had never met Lee before.

Recollecting the night of Feb. 4, witness said his mistress did not comply with the request for rice by the occupants of Patrol Car No. 473 because they had sold out and because the police had previously ordered rice and did not pay.

"I put it to you that you supplied rice for your other customers which you refused to supply to the police," Mr. Remedios suggested.

"No" witness replied. The other customers arrived at the stall before the car came up. The rice given to the customers was bought from an adjacent stall.

Hearing was adjourned to May 3 at 2.30 p.m.

## Readers' Letters

### Explanation Wanted

Sir.—I notice from a report appearing in your paper of Tuesday, that certain alleged sellers of sweep tickets were charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada with the illegal selling of sweep tickets and fined.

In view of the action which has been taken by the Police against hawkers of sweep tickets, it would be interesting to have an explanation as to why the Police have so far refrained from taking any action whatsoever against money changers and shopkeepers who are also illegally selling sweep tickets at \$2.20 each. I carried out a tour of this Colony from east to west yesterday and in the course of my peregrinations, I observed that a large number of shopkeepers and practically every money changer in the Colony was displaying sweep tickets for sale at \$2.20 each. In some cases, large sized banners and placards were spread across the street to advertise the fact that sweep tickets were for sale.

Are the Police only concerned with arresting poor and needy individuals who are trying to make an honest living? Are the upper crust of Chinese merchants and financiers, who are already amassing fortunes through profligacy and speculation, immune from interference by the Police? Surely there is not one law for the poor and another for the rich.

While on the subject of Police raids, I think it is high time that the Commissioner of Police gave instructions to his men, particularly plainclothes Chinese detectives armed with revolvers, that no policeman in a British Colony has the right to beat up small children or to drag young girls through the streets by the hair. These disgraceful scenes which take place almost every day when hawkers' raids are being carried out should be stopped forthwith; they were in vogue during the Occupation days, but many of our Chinese detectives and policemen, who apparently received their tuition from Japanese Gendarmes, have obviously overlooked the fact that Hong Kong is today under British rule.

There may be some justification for the beating up of criminals in order to obtain confessions for conviction; there is, however, no justification for the beating up and maiming of young children, who only crime, if such it can be described, is that they are trying to make an honest living.

As you so ably put it in your lead article of Sunday last, "to deprive people of a livelihood is merely to force them into criminal ranks." Unfortunately, this view does not seem to be shared by the Police.

Incidentally, I note from an announcement also in Tuesday's paper that an explanation has been given to the effect that Police raids on flower sellers in Kowloon were carried out in conformity with Government's policy to rid the streets of unlicensed hawkers. It would have been more appropriate for the authorities to have stated that

the raids were carried out in conformity with a policy of persecution, as it is an open secret that in their raids on unlicensed hawkers, the Police choose and select their victims. The reason for this is also an open secret.

SIMPLE SIMON.

### Scarlet Or Blue?

Sir.—There appears to be a difference of opinion between your morning contemporary and yourself on the dress of the escort attending the King and Queen at the Silver Wedding celebrations.

While both of you have used the same agency's report, the "South China Morning Post" has the Life Guards in scarlet and the Royal Horse Guards in blue whereas you have the Life Guards in blue and the Horse Guards in scarlet. Which is correct?

In addition you have the escort in white-plumed hats while your morning opposite has them in white and red-plumed helmets again, which is correct?

Perhaps some of our Army experts here could settle the question for me as I feel that the Life Guards were scarlet in pre-war days. I believe, also, the Life Guards are the senior regiment and that they take precedence over the Royal Horse Guards.

INTERESTED.

TICKETS.

Tickets were unchanged at \$25.60 a 100, and NEI Guilders were at \$45.10 a 100.

U.S. dollars continued quiet at \$5.63 for notes.

Sterling was up to \$12.38 in the morning, but was easier at \$12.35 in the afternoon.

Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.55.

### FOURTH TIME IN DOCK

Appearing for the fourth time in the dock at Central Magistracy yesterday was a 33-year-old carpenter charged this time with receiving stolen property.

Pleading guilty, Fong Hong of No. 6, Square Street, second floor was sentenced to nine months hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Fong was arrested in Pedder Street last Tuesday for receiving a pouch. Defendant pleaded that an unknown Chinese handed it to him.

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# MARGARINE BLACKMARKET INCREASING

"There has been no butter coming in and margarine is in great demand as a substitute. The result is increased black-market activities where margarine is concerned."

The above was revealed by Mr. J. H. G. Pitman when a representative of the Cheung Pat Ho store of 230 Kung Street admitted having sold a 1-lb. tin of margarine for \$6, or 100 per cent, above the controlled price. A fine of \$525, with a further \$125 for selling a tin of oats at 10 cents above the controlled price, was imposed by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Two retailers of flour, the Hung Fat Loong of 21 Reclamation Street and the Wo Heung of 252 Shanghai Street, were fined \$423 each for selling a catty each of flour at about 100 per cent in excess of the fixed price of 56 cents per catty.

The Sun Kai Yuen of 10 Jordan Road was warned by the Magistrate that another appearance in Court would result in a very severe penalty being imposed on the representative when she admitted to selling a packet of cornstarch for \$120 instead of \$1.45. Mr. Pitman pointed out that that was the shop's third offence.

For selling a cake of Lever's health soap at 70 cents instead of 65 cents, the Majestic Candy Store of 330 Nathan Road, was fined \$525. It was the shop's second offence. Mr. Pitman said. Other profiteers dealt with yesterday were.

Man Shing Cheong of 13 Peking Road (lived \$150), Tin Fung Store of 13 Parker Street (\$100), Kam Wah of 302 Prince Edward Road (\$50), Lee Wah Co. of 126 Shanghai Street (\$250), Wing Cheong Grocery Shop of 283 Shanghai Street (\$250), Bing Kee Provision Store of 125 Lutelok Road (\$125), Fook Wah of 87 Tung Choi Street (\$175), Kowloon Shoes Manufactury of 427 Shanghai Street (\$75), and Sung Sung Store of 178 Prince Edward Road (\$150).

## LOITERERS FINED

Two groups of women loiterers, in the Wanchai area appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Those without a previous conviction were bound over and three with convictions for similar offences were fined for breach of their bond and another \$50 for the present offence. They were all arrested in Hennessy and Lockhart Roads at about 10 p.m. on Tuesday night by Inspector J. Hayward and a party of police from Wanchai Police Station. Insp. H. Brownrigg prosecuted.

## Reminders

**Today**  
Royal Air Forces Association fortnightly luncheon, Jacobean Room, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Y's Men's Luncheon, talk on "The Story of a Cigarette" by A. Staricker, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Stage Club presents "Thinking that go Bump in the Night", Missions to Seamen Theatre, 8.30 p.m.  
Annual meetings of Chemor United Rubber Co., Ltd., Semarub Rubber Estates, Ltd., Cheng Rubber Estates, Ltd., at Rooms 601-606, Marina House, 12 noon, 12.15 p.m., 12.30 p.m.  
Guest Night, Dinner, European YMCA, 7.30 p.m.  
Diocesan Old Girls Association "At Home", at school, 9 p.m.  
Nethersole Hospital Chapel, The Cribs, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

## Coming Events

**TOMORROW**  
Central British School, presentation of prizes by the Governor, 11 a.m.  
Maryknoll School, annual prize-giving and annual play, 5 p.m.  
Shanghai Pahang Rubber Estates, Ltd., Sungai Duri Rubber Estate, Ltd., annual meetings, room 601-606, Marina House, 11.30 a.m. and 12 noon.  
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

## RIP KIRBY



## Example Of Commercial Enterprise

From several sources Intel, the enterprise of Hongkong industrial and commercial interests have received praise, for their bold confidence in embarking on new building and expansion in spite of the difficulties and uncertainties of the times.

The fruits of such enterprise are to be seen in the construction of a new three storey building, already completed up to the third floor, rising on a site covering some 8,000 square feet at the corner of Jordan Road and Wan Ching Street, near the Jordan Road Vehicle Ferry.

This building, of reinforced concrete on Franki piles, designed by Mr. A. V. Alvares of Credit Foncier, will be the new premises of the Hongkong Printing Press Company.

The governing director of the Company is Mr. Aw Boon Hay. His name needs no introduction, for it is a household word throughout the Far East, not only as industrialist, newspaper magnate and multi-millionaire, but as philanthropist and public benefactor.

The Hongkong Printing Press is one of the oldest established firms in the Colony. It was founded nearly sixty years ago by the late L. J. Xavier, who well known to the Portuguese community.

### Modest Start

Xavier started the business in a very modest way, by purchasing a printing machine out of the proceeds of the sale of his clarinet. From its first premises in a small house near the Naval Dockyard, the Company steadily progressed, moving into larger quarters in the central area of the city.

An important part of the Company's business was the printing of banknotes of small denominations for the governments of Hongkong, Macau and Canton. At the time of the occupation of the Colony by the Japanese, they were in the process of printing notes for the Hongkong Government. This led to the sealing of the Company by the Japanese, who were under the impression that it was a Government concern.

Then the war meant losses so great that the Company was forced into liquidation, whereby Mr. Aw Boon Hay and Mr. F. A. Xavier, son of the founder, jointly bought over the concern.

During the last few years, the Company has not only been enabled to re-establish itself, but to expand to such a degree that the present premises, in a very old building in Bowring Street, are no longer adequate.

Hence the new building, which the contractors, Messrs. Lun Sung and Co., are striving to complete by June, in time for celebration of the Company's sixtieth anniversary. The whole project involves a capital outlay of \$800,000.

## Impersonated Revenue Officer

A 32-year-old shop girl, who claimed to be a stranger in Hong Kong, appeared before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy yesterday charged on two counts of impersonating a revenue officer, two of demanding money with menaces and one of simple larceny. Yip Hon-leung, pleading not guilty, was convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour on each count, to run concurrently. Yip was also recommended to be expelled.

The charge brought by Det. Sub-Ins. V.M. Morrison of the Special Branch were, impersonating a revenue officer on March 17 whilst aboard a Mongkok Ferry and on April 1 in the Fu Kwai Lau Tea House, Shantung Street, stealing \$7.00 from Chan Kwong in Shaukiwan on March 20 and demanding \$40 from Chan Kwong in Shaukiwan on March 20 and \$60 from Chan Chin in the Fu Kwai Tea House on April 1.

## BREACH OF PROMISE CASE VERDICT

London, Apr. 27.

**Mrs. Imelda Catharine Price, attractive widow of an RAF officer, today lost her breach of promise suit against an American Vice-Consul.**

The jury of ten men and two women found for the defendant, Ernest Griffin, 39, of Salina, Kansas, American Vice-Consul in London. Mrs. Price was ordered to pay costs.

Mr. Griffin testified that he broke his engagement with the 40-year-old Birmingham widow after she had twice tried to entice him to join her in bed. He said he thought her "immoral and forward."

He said they agreed to become engaged in the summer of 1947 on the understanding that they would not marry if they did not appear suited to each other. She called him "old-fashioned" for refusing to spend the night with her after their engagement, Mr. Griffin said.

Mrs. Price denied that there had been any understanding of a trial engagement. She also denied inviting him to bed, but admitted she once took off her dress and lay on his bed while he wrote letters.

Cross-examining Mr. Griffin, counsel for Mrs. Price asked: "Were you fighting for your virtue?"

Mr. Griffin: "Not necessarily." Counsel: "You were resisting this woman's blandishments?"

## Obscene Pictures

With two previous convictions in 1947 (one for larceny and the other for exposing indecent pictures for sale), Tam Chai (41) was fined \$250 (or three months' hard labour) on the charge of obstruction and an additional three months' hard labour for exposing indecent pictures for sale, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth informed the Court that when defendant was arrested at 11 p.m. on April 23 at Argyle Street near Nathan Road, 12 obscene pictures and six "very indecent" picture books were found on him.

The books, according to accused, were printed in Canton and purchased from a travelling trader.

## Charged With Wounding With Intent, But:

## "COULD NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER PARTY"

That he had been drinking with friends at a party and could not remember the events of the night, nor the visit to the Police station and the trip to Kowloon Hospital in the early hours of the morning, was the story told in the witness box by Mak Keng-wu, 65, broker, charged before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) with wounding with intent Chan Yin-moi, a woman sub-tenant.

The prosecution is being conducted by Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det.-Inspector C. Dowman, while the accused is defended by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

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On March 11 he had dinner with a number of friends. He was in a party and had some drinks. He did not know when the dinner finished. He had no clear idea after the meal but knew that he was assaulted home by a friend. After he entered the house he did not remember what happened. He recalled that there was a quarrel and later a struggle and he was cut on the right finger. He felt pain. He denied that he had a razor. In reply to Mr. Sheldon, witness said that he went to the barber for this shave.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lonsdale, witness said that he could not remember what happened that night. He could not remember going to the Police Station or being taken to Kowloon Hospital. He was surprised to find himself in the Police cell the next day. Later witness said that he had a slight recollection of having been taken in a motor vehicle. He knew it was a motor vehicle as it was travelling fast and he felt like vomiting.

After the attack a report was made to Shumshuiho Police Station by complainant's husband. He was followed by accused who gave himself up.

It was accused's case, said Crown Counsel, that he was first attacked by Chan and her husband, the former holding a knife and the latter catching hold of him, and that the injuries inflicted on Chan were caused in the ensuing struggle.

### Medical Evidence

Evidence was then given by Dr. U.S. Kho, Medical Officer of Kowloon Hospital, who described the two deep wounds on Chan's head and over her left eye, and other superficial wounds, which said were consistent with having been inflicted by a knife or sharp instrument.

He also testified to medical examination of accused, and said he smelt of alcohol, his eyes were bloodshot, but he was talking coherently and was in possession of his faculties.

Dr. Lee Tan-pieh, medical officer of Kowloon Hospital, and an eye specialist, testified to examining complainant's injured eye and to necessity of removal of the eyeball. She was in hospital from March 12 to 26.

Mr. D. E. Davis, acting Government Chemist, testified to examining a sample of accused's urine and said it contained 20% alcohol, but could not say what degree of intoxication that indicated.

In cross-examination by Mr. Sheldon, Chan said she had no knowledge that accused and her father-in-law were old friends, nor did she know accused was accustomed to taking drink or how much he drank. She said he was always abusive and often hit his own wife. "I put it to you that in this drunken struggle you caught hold of a knife for self-protection, and the injuries were received in the ensuing struggle. They were not inflicted on the staircase. You never saw any razor used at all," said Mr. Sheldon. This was strenuously denied by Chan.

A statement made by complainant at the conclusion of her evidence that Mak had told his family before the incident that he would not be responsible for his acts if he was intoxicated was strongly resented by defence counsel who said it was malicious. Witness added that when a man is drunk he has only control of about 30 per cent of his faculties.

The case will be continued this morning.

**"Was Sober Enough"**  
Complainant's husband, Wong Hing-lo, then entered the box to give evidence in corroboration of his wife's testimony. Accused did have a razor, he said, as he had once borrowed it from him. He knew nothing about the relation between accused and his father.

It is announced by the Financial Secretary that the importation of Malayan currency notes into Malaya is limited to \$45 per person, and travellers are warned that notes in excess of this amount are normally confiscated by the Exchange Control on arrival of the passenger.

### BY ALEX RAYMOND

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# DEBATE ON DEATH PENALTY

## Jowitt Not In Favour Of Suspension

### "There Are Fates Worse Than Death"

London, Apr. 27. Britain's highest legal authority, the Lord Chancellor (Lord Jowitt), said today that he was not in favour of suspending the death penalty. He was opening a debate in the House of Lords on a bill which includes a clause, inserted by the vote of the House of Commons against the wish of the Government, suspending the death penalty for murder for five years.

Interest in this debate, which will last two days, is mainly whether the House of Lords supports or opposes the new clause.

If they reject it, the Government is expected to support the Commons' decision. The House of Lords would then have to decide their next step.

Lord Jowitt said: "Hanging is, of course, a grim and horrible business. So is murder."

#### Worse Than Death

"I believe that hanging cuts down murders. Because of that, I am opposed to abolishing capital punishment."

He referred to countries where capital punishment had been abolished and to countries where murderers served years in solitary confinement.

"There are fates worse than death," he said. He thought that no one in Britain would tolerate solitary confinement for years.

The recent vote in the House of Commons showed that the death penalty was repugnant to a large section of public opinion. Lord Jowitt agreed with the decision to allow a free vote in the House of Commons. Therefore the experiment would be tried.

"If, contrary to my fears, it turns out to be a success, no one will be more ready to admit his error than I. But I cannot feel at present, when we have this distressing wave of crime, with

more gangsters going about with arms than before, it is a wise moment to try the experiment.

#### 104 Released

"It having been decided that this is the right moment, let us now go forward," Lord Jowitt declared. "I myself accept this decision."

The Lord Chancellor declared that 104 people convicted of murder, whose death sentences had been commuted to penal servitude for life, had been released from prison in the last 10 years.

Lord Jowitt commented that the Home Secretary—who has the power of reprieve—might, under the new system, have to keep murderers in prison longer than now.

Hitherto, a murderer whose death sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life has been released after 10, 15 or 20 years if of good behaviour.—Reuter.

#### H.M.S. MAURITIUS RECALLED

London, Apr. 27. The Admiralty announced today that the cruiser Mauritius, attached to the Mediterranean Fleet for two years, has been recalled and is expected to arrive at Portsmouth on April 30.

The sloop Pencock has been ordered to visit Tobruk on April 28 to 30 for the unveiling of an Australian war memorial.—Associated Press.

#### May Day Message

London, Apr. 27. In a May Day message to the "working people of the world," the World Federation of Trade Unions called for a united effort to safeguard "peace, liberty, democracy and the vital interests of the working people." Moscow Radio reported today.

The Federation's message said that in some countries, laws of a "Fascist character" had been introduced and many trade union leaders had been arrested. But the working people were resisting these laws and new fighters were rising to carry on the struggle.—Reuter.

#### Six Countries Qualify

Washington, Apr. 27. Six countries—France, Italy, Austria, Holland, Norway and Denmark—have now formally qualified for assistance under the Marshall Plan for European recovery. Mr. Paul Hoffman, Economic Cooperation Administrator, announced here today.

Mr. Hoffman said they had qualified by filling "letters of intention" stating they would adhere to the purpose and policy of the Economic Cooperation Administration and would conclude a bilateral agreement with the United States to that effect.

Mr. Hoffman said similar action by other countries was expected within a few days. He pointed out that, although certain food shipments were authorized to Austria, France, Greece, Italy and Holland, earlier this month, they were for emergency assistance only.

"The action announced today makes it possible to transfer assistance in a wide range of material and services to the countries qualified," he said. Shipments will now be made to these countries under "letters of intent" until July 3, after which aid will be conditional on countries concluding formal bilateral agreements with the United States.—Reuter.

### 8 Rules To Foil Kidnappers

Berlin, Apr. 27. Eight rules, designed to frustrate kidnapping attempts, were laid down for Berliners today, by the American-licensed "Der Tagesspiegel" and the British-licensed "Sozial Demokrat."

The Sozial Demokrat also reported another alleged kidnapping in Berlin on Monday.

Describing the incident, the newspaper said that a man was pursued through the streets by two Germans closely followed by a motorcar with Soviet registration numbers. When the Germans shouted: "That is the man," two Russians in uniform and another in civilian clothes jumped from the car and dragged the man into it.

Two German police officers who witnessed the scene were prevented from interfering by a Russian who threatened onlookers with a pistol.

Among the rules laid down by the papers were: "Do not allow strangers to enter your flat and do not visit the flats of strangers; ask a policeman to produce his arrest warrant, his identity card and take note of his number; if you suspect you are being kidnapped, call for help from neighbours or passersby, struggle or try to contact the police by phone, your message will automatically be passed to the military police."—Reuter.

#### QANTAS RECORD

London, Apr. 27. A Qantas Empire Airways Constellation has established a new air liner record by flying 2,220 miles from Cairo to Karachi in six hours and 48 minutes. The plane achieved the record during the London to Sydney run.—Reuter.

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## DEATH

SEQUERA.—On April 18, 1945, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Frederico Alberto (Sonny) Sequera, aged 21 years, dearly-beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Justo F. Sequera.

## WEST EUROPEAN UNITY

Last week's conference in London on West German problems has a double importance. Immediately and directly it is concerned with the practical questions which arise insistently as a result of the breakdown of the machinery of four-Power Allied control of Germany. But it links also with those wider measures of West European unity which are being taken in the economic sphere by the 16 nations which are co-operating in the recovery programme and in the political sphere by the five signatories of the Brussels Treaty.

The German situation is now clear. The Allied Control Council has not been formally dissolved. But it has not met since Marshal Sokolovsky, the Russian Military Governor, dramatically withdrew from its last meeting on March 20. The Potsdam protocol remains in theory as the Constitution of Germany during the occupation. But in practice it has been rendered unworkable by the action and attitude of the Soviet authorities.

Since for all practical purposes there is no four-Power machinery, the three Western Occupying Powers must devise a system which will provide some measure of unity for the three Western zones. For the alternative would be to accept complete partition for an indefinite period.

Something, in fact, must replace "Potsdam" for the Western half of Germany, since the East under Russian coercion has gone its own way and Potsdam no longer functions.

So far as the British and American zones are concerned, "economic fusion" has already produced a large measure of unity. But there are gaps in the structure. There are matters such as the urgent problems of currency reform, taxation reform, adjustment of prices and wages, which have always been considered "quadrupartite" questions, not to be dealt with separately by the zones. And the "Bizonia" German economic organs need to be converted at this stage into a democratic German governmental system, functioning, of course, for the present under Allied control.

Now both these things, the completion of the economic structure, the creation of a political structure, will be far better from every point of view if they can be achieved for the whole of Western Germany instead of separately and differently for Bizonia and for the French zone. And the unification of Western Germany would be a step (no more is possible while the Russians deny Democracy to the East) to the creation of a united democratic Germany.

Union of the three zones, both politically and economically, with adequate Allied control for "security purposes" is, therefore, clearly desirable. But for the uniting of the zones there must be agreement between the three Powers upon the character of what will, in effect, be a constitution for Western Germany.

And so far there has not been agreement. Roughly speaking, the French would prefer a more decentralised



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## EDEN CLASH WITH CHAMBERLAIN

The Prime Minister, who learned more and more upon his Chief Industrial Adviser, Sir Horace Wilson, and consulted him a great deal on matters entirely outside his province or compass, regarded Vansittart as hostile to Germany. This was indeed true, for no one more clearly realised, or foresaw, the growth of the German danger, or was more ready to subordinate other considerations to meeting it.

The Foreign Secretary felt he could work more easily with Sir Alexander Cadogan, a Foreign Office official also of the highest character and ability.

Vansittart on January 1, 1938, was appointed to the special post of "Chief Diplomatic Adviser to His Majesty's Government." This was represented to the public as promotion. In fact, however, the whole responsibility for managing the Foreign Office passed out of his hands.

Between the summer of 1937 and the end of that year divergence, both in method and aim, grew between the Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Chamberlain was determined to press his suit with the two dictators. In July, 1937, he invited the Italian Ambassador, Count Grandi, to Downing-street. The conversation took place with the knowledge, but not in the presence, of Mr. Eden.

Mr. Chamberlain spoke of his desire for an improvement of Anglo-Italian relations. Count Grandi suggested to him that as a preliminary move it might be well if the Prime Minister were to write a personal appeal to Mussolini. Mr. Chamberlain sat down and wrote such a letter during the interview.

It was despatched without reference to the Foreign Office a few yards away. The letter produced no apparent results, and our relations with Italy, because of the increasing Italian intervention in Spain, got steadily worse.

Mr. Chamberlain was imbued with a sense of a special and personal mission to come to friendly terms with the dictators of Italy and Germany, and he conceived himself capable of achieving this relationship.

Mr. Eden, on the other hand, was convinced that any arrangement with Italy must be part of a general Mediterranean settlement, which must include Spain and be reached in close understanding with France. In the negotiation of such a settlement our recognition of Italy's position in Abyssinia would clearly be an important bargaining counter.

In spite of my differences with the Government, I was in close sympathy with their Foreign Secretary. He seemed to me the most resolute and courageous figure in the Administration. For his part he made a point of inviting me to Foreign Office functions, and we corresponded frequently.

The Prime Minister wished to get on good terms with the two European dictators, and believed in the Administration. For his part he made a point of inviting me to Foreign Office functions, and we corresponded frequently.

The new cyclotron will probe the secrets of matter by hurling atomic bullets at terrific energies, ranging to 10,000,000,000 electron-volts. The world's present largest cyclotron, in operation here, generates 350,000,000 electron-volts.

The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr. David Lilienthal, said the projected new \$50,000,000 atomic gun would have no notice to the world that it is the intention of the people of the United States to widen their lead in the development and application of fundamental science of all kinds.—United Press.

Inevitably, for geographical and economic reasons, India will associate herself closely with various Asian countries.

"If, in carrying on that policy, we associated in a friendly way with the British Commonwealth, I have no objection, provided it does not come in the way of our policies."

Ho "personally" would like the closest relations between India and Britain and the British Commonwealth and other nations, but the Indian Constituent Assembly has still to decide this question which would "ultimately depend on the world situation and various other factors."—Reuter.

WARSHIPS FOR CHINA

Canton, Apr. 27. Twenty-six light warships, gifts of the United States to China, are expected to arrive in Whampoa early in May from the Philippines, and some of them will be stationed in South China for service, according to a report from Shanghai.—Associated Press.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



9. IX. '37.

Mr. Churchill to Mr. Eden.

In your last letter you said that you would be very glad to see Lloyd George and me before he left for Geneva. We have met today, and I venture to let you know our views.... All Mediterranean Powers should agree to keep their own submarines away from certain defined routes for commerce. In these routes the French and British Navies should search for all submarines, and any found by the detector apparatus should be pursued and sunk as a pirate.

Italy should be asked in the most courteous manner to participate in this. If, however, she will not do so, she should be told that is what we are going to do."

It is in the interests of European peace that a firm front should be shown now, and if you feel able to act in this sense we wish to assure you of our support upon such a policy in the House of Commons and in the country however matters may turn.

Speaking personally, I feel that this is as important a moment for you as when you insisted into his confidence. He did not, however, contemplate anything like forming a group against his leader.

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may consider helpful to British interests and to the interests of peace.

P.S.—I have read this letter to Mr. Lloyd George, who declares himself in full agreement with it.

It was agreed at Lyon to establish British and French anti-submarine patrols, with orders which left no doubt as to the fate of any submarine encountered. This was acquiesced in by Italy, and the outrages stopped at once.

During November Eden became increasingly concerned about our slow rearmament. On the 11th he had an interview with the Prime Minister and tried to convey his misgivings. Mr. Neville Chamberlain after a while refused to listen to him. He advised him to "go off and take an aspirin."

A whole band of important Ministers thought the Foreign policy dangerous and even provocative. On the other hand a number of the younger Ministers were very ready to understand the Foreign Secretary's point of view. Some of them later complained that he did not like them into his confidence. He did not, however, contemplate anything like forming a group against his leader.

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## HIGH TREASON, NEW STYLE

Prague, Apr. 27. A Communist member of Parliament, Jan Vodicka, said in a speech reported today that it was now "high treason to propagandise Western orientation" in Czechoslovakia. Vodicka spoke in Olomouc to a trade union meeting. United Press.

## African Elections

Johannesburg, Apr. 27. There will be 292 candidates in South Africa's general elections on May 26, as a result of nominations received today.

Eleven candidates of Marshal Jan Smuts' United Party are unopposed. One Nationalist is also unopposed.

Marshal Smuts and other Ministers are opposed by Nationalist candidates. The United Party has 128 candidates, the Nationalists 22, the Central Group 12, the South African Party 11, the Afrikaner Party 11, the Labour Party 8, the Communists three, and there are 27 Independents.

The Central Group is led by the Rev. C. F. Miles, Cadman, a former member of the Labour Party. The South African Party is the remnant of the old Dominion Party led by Colonel C. F. Stoddard, former Minister of Mines.—Reuter.

## Law Against Racial Discrimination

London, Apr. 27. Sir Frank Sodkic, who, as Solicitor General, is one of the Government's legal experts, told a questioner in the House of Commons today that legislation was "not necessarily the most effective way" to deal with cases of alleged discrimination against coloured people.

A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. Reginald Sorenson, asked whether, in

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# A SIGNIFICANT BROADCAST

## Communist Minister On Finnish Unrest

### Helsinki Police On Alert

Helsinki, Apr. 27.  
M. Yrjo Leino, Communist Minister of the Interior, said in a broadcast tonight: "A certain unrest characterizes Finland's political atmosphere." He added: "This tension and the abnormal conditions arising from it indicate something more involved than the ordinary prelude to a general election (to be held next July)."

"It seems our whole policy is involved. Shall we continue to develop our present peaceful democratic policy, or shall we revert to the old policy which would lead to even graver consequences than did our present policy?"

"The increasing tension in the international situation has given new hope to the anti-democratic powers in our country. They now talk about a coup, d'état planned by the Left despite the fact that the Left party, which is now an important factor in the Government machinery, watches over our present policy more sincerely than any other political group."

#### Red Plot?

Helsinki police were alerted last night against attempts by "extremist elements" to seize

#### Bevin Sees The "Light"

London, Apr. 27.  
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, forecast today that Britain could put its economy on a sound basis and restore its independence within three years if it got the greatest possible value out of Marshall aid.

"I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. The question is how soon we can get through the tunnel," he said.

Mr. Bevin was making a special urgent appeal to every employer, trade union official and dock worker in Britain's ports to speed the Marshall aid shipments.

"It is a very great action on the part of America," he said. "It is all very well to talk about Americans being wealthy, but this help comes out of the taxes of the ordinary people many of whom are no better off than we are when they give part of their taxes."—Reuter.

#### Prosperity Ahead Unless--

Washington, Apr. 27.  
The United States may enjoy several years of business prosperity unless the war scare grows worse, Dr. Erwin G. Nourse, Presidential Economic Adviser, said today.

Many believe foreign aid and preparedness prevented a 1948 business sag, he noted.

But for the long haul, the economic prospect may be termed "unfavourable," he said. And if the U.S. has to have a substantially larger military force indefinitely, purchasing power of consumers may have to be figured downward, he added.

The return to "bona fide" peacetime economy has been cut off by foreign aid and the military programme, Nourse observed.

Nourse spoke before the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. He is chairman of the President's Economic Council which keeps close watch on national economic ups and downs and helps him advise Congress.

Secretary of State George Marshall told the business leaders that Britain held her dominance in world affairs over

surplus war materials which Russia under the peace treaty.

The Social Demokratti, organ of the Social Democratic Party, reported on Sunday that Communist extremists had planned to overthrow the present Government and seize power while Finland was negotiating her recent military assistance pact with Russia.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament has recommended ratification of the Finnish-Soviet treaty of friendship and mutual aid. Helsinki Radio reported today.

The treaty will probably be ratified tomorrow, it was stated.

#### Minister Resigns

Finland's Assistant Foreign Minister, M. Rihelhoff Svento, who was a member of the delegation which concluded the military assistance pact with Russia earlier this month, is to be Finnish Minister in Switzerland. He resigned today as Asst. Foreign Minister prior to taking up his new post.

M. Svento has resigned from the People's Democrats, an extreme left wing party, of which he had been a member since its formation in 1944.—Reuter.

#### Powers To Confer On Trade Revival

Representatives of Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg will meet here tomorrow to devise a "pump priming" scheme to revive Europe's crippled trade.

The first item on the agenda was reliably reported to be the adjustment of the balance of payments among the five powers, signatories of the Western European pact. The

#### Red Plot In Java

Batavia, Apr. 27.  
Leaders of an alleged Communist-inspired plot for an armed uprising in Indonesia have been arrested in the East Java port of Surabaya, the Netherlands East Indies Information Service reported today.

The statement said an uprising was plotted in Surabaya, other East Java cities and the neighbouring island of Madura, and large-scale violence was averted by only a few hours.—Reuter.

#### Western Socialist Committee

Paris, Apr. 27.  
Delegates of the five Western Socialist parties—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg—today agreed on plans to establish a joint Socialist Committee with Brussels as its headquarters to act in close co-ordination with the Governments of the five-power Brussels Pact.

The Committee, which will hold its meeting on May 28, will work alongside the Permanent Consultative Committee set up by the Brussels agreement.

Its principal duty will be to organise and put forward the Socialist viewpoint within the framework of the five-power agreement. Plans for the new body were laid during the Socialist Conference held here during the week-end.—Reuter.

#### Hungarian Journalist's Protest

Paris, Apr. 27.  
M. Francois Abraham, the Paris correspondent of the official Hungarian press agency, resigned today in protest against the nationalisation of the agency several days ago.

M. Abraham, who took part in the Communist resistance operations against the Nazis in Hungary, today published a letter in which he objected to "the new journalistic policy of the agency." "I expect to be deprived of my Hungarian nationality," he said later. "My resignation followed orders transferring me to Moscow. That would have been an advancement, but I did not want it," he said.

M. Abraham added that 15 people in Hungary had been dismissed in a campaign to remove "politically unreliable" members of the staff and that the agency's representative in Switzerland had been arrested several months ago for alleged espionage.

Three weeks ago, it was stated, M. Luzzo Veder, the agency's Vienna correspondent, resigned, claiming "that he would not serve a Communist regime" and sought refuge in the American Zone of Austria.—Reuter.

#### European Workers In Britain

London, Apr. 27.  
The Government disclosed today that 54,700 European volunteer workers have arrived in Britain.

Reporting the figure in the House of Commons, Neil Edwards, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, said that most of them are displaced persons.

The Ministry of Labour hopes to bring 100,000 European volunteer workers to Britain this year for work in the mines, in textile mills and on farms, he said.

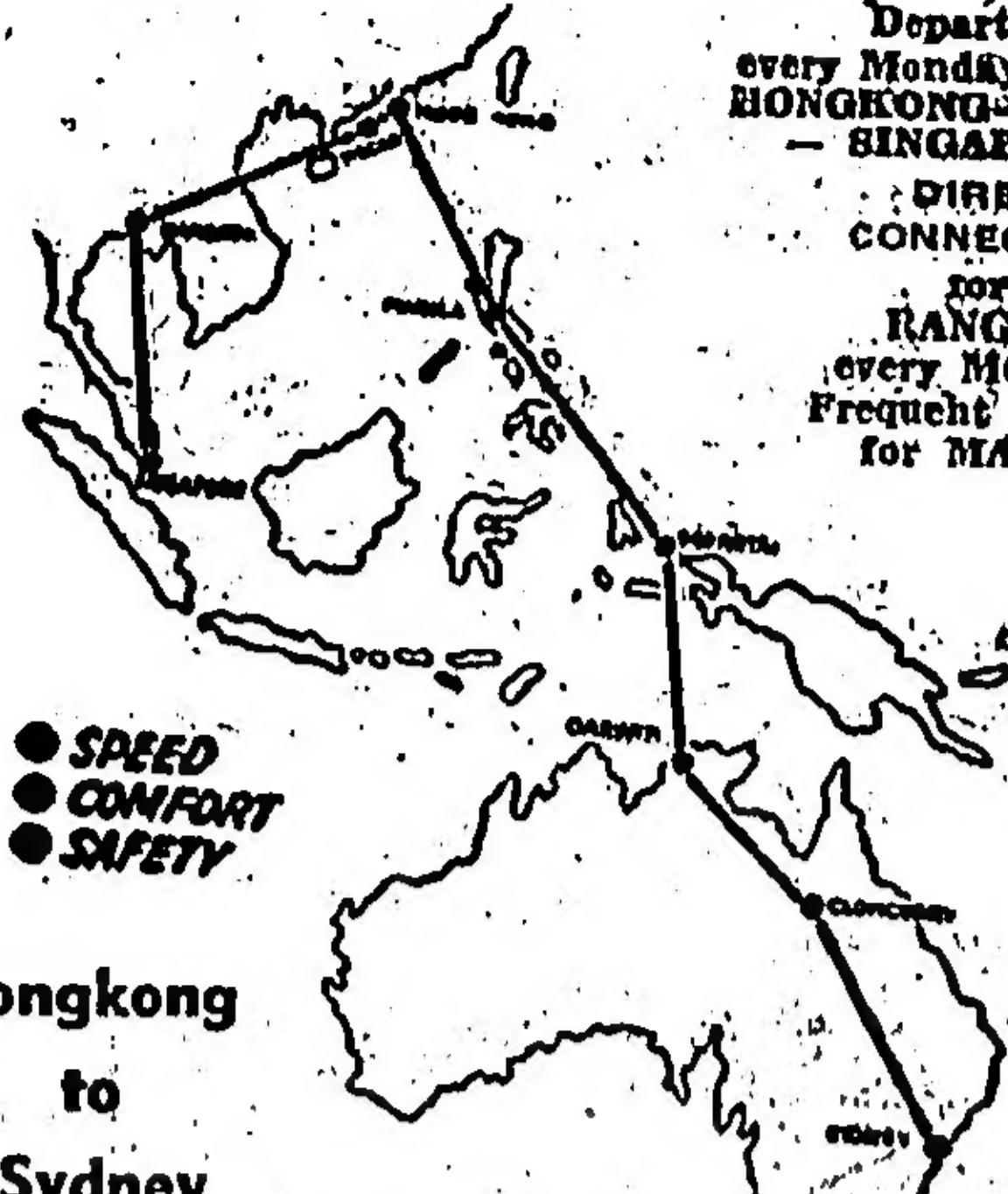
He told the House of Commons that 35,000 of the workers will be for agriculture, about 30,000 for the coal mines and at least 20,000 for the textile mills. The remainder would be placed in other undermanned industries.—Associated Press.

#### BOAC PLANE'S ADVENTURE

London, Apr. 27.  
A British Overseas Airways plane with 18 persons aboard landed "with one engine dead" today after circling London airport for three hours to use up excess petrol.—Associated Press.

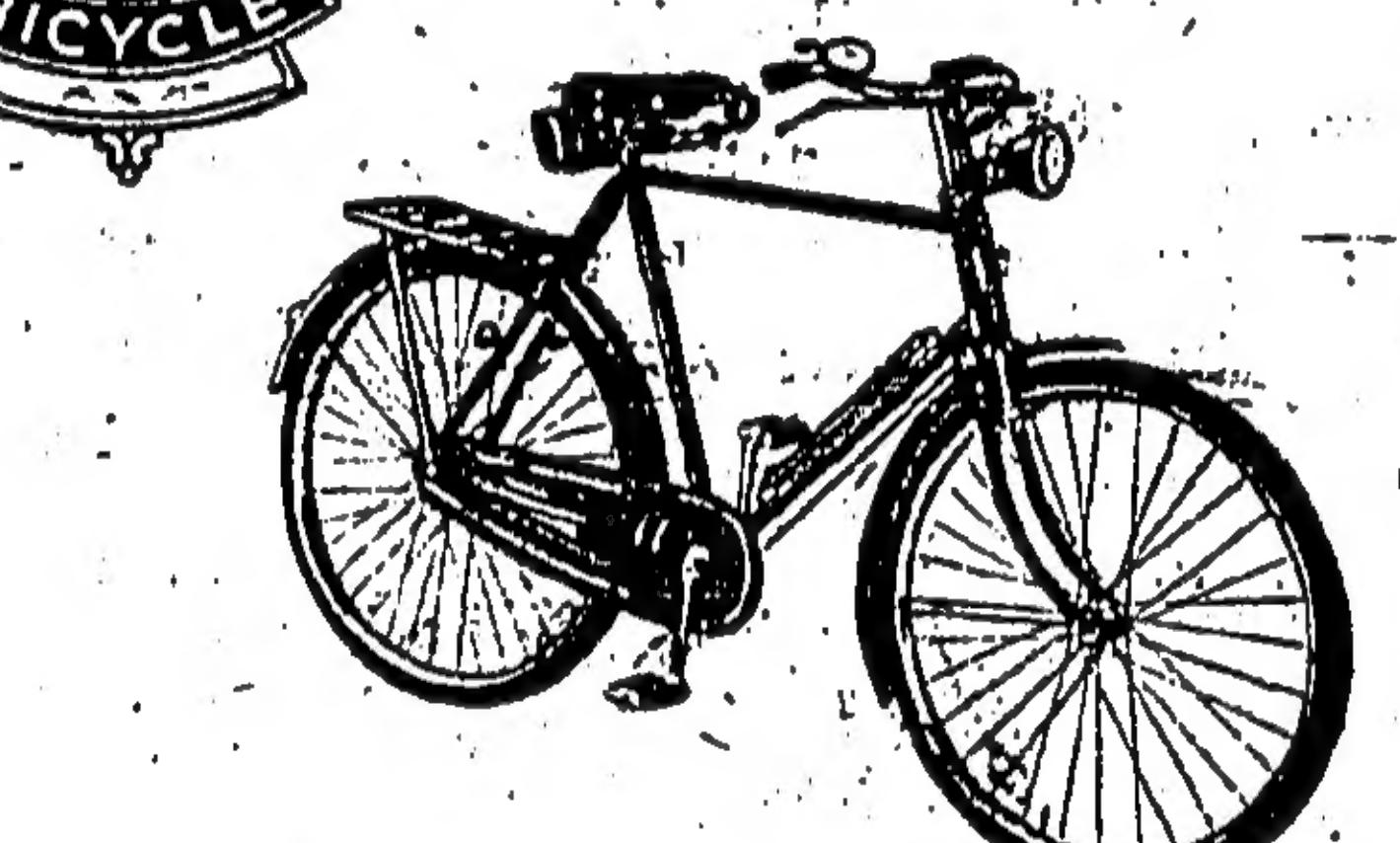
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## SHELL CONCRETE BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

### BUILDING HOUSES WITH A SPRAY GUN



The principal features of shell concrete construction were discussed by Mr. H. G. Cousins, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., in a paper read before a meeting of the Reinforced Concrete Association held at the Institution of Civil Engineers. Following is a summary of the speaker's remarks:

The essential feature of shell concrete construction is the use of suitably stiffened thin concrete surfaces to span large areas. The use of members subject to bending is uneconomical, since only the extreme fibres of the section can be stressed to the allowable limits. In shell construction the roof covering itself is used to transmit loads to the supports. It does this by means of direct forces lying wholly within the surface of the roof. For this reason the dead-weight does not increase appreciably as spans become larger, the thickness of the shell being determined by considerations of buckling. This is of particular importance in large span structures where the dead-weight is often a considerable portion of the total weight to be carried.

**Loading Tests.**  
Many loading tests have been carried out on shell roofing, both on models and on full size structures. The deflection measured show clearly that these roofs act in accordance with theoretical calculations.

Such tests have been made both with uniform load over the whole barrel or with a load on one side only of the arch. One such test carried out on a model 40 ft. long, 15 ft. wide, with a shell thickness of 1 1/16 in., was to apply 62 lb. per sq. ft. on one side only of the barrel without any cracking being observed. Under such a loading the usual type of arch construction would have failed.

To allow for temperature movements in shell roofs, joints must be provided in all straight members at suitable intervals, depending upon the flexibility of the supporting columns. Such straight members are the shell in the direction of the generating lines, the edge beams and also the end frames, if these are straight. These considerations limit the length of a barrel between end frames to about 200 ft. A series of parallel barrels can thus provide a clear floor of up to 200 ft. wide and of indefinite length.

If clear spans greater than 200 ft. are required, it is necessary to use the short barrel type supported on end frames of arch form having sufficient flexibility. Again, an indefinite length can be covered without columns obstructing the clear width thus obtained.

Whilst the arch form sheds rainwater quickly from the surface and the shape and flexibility of the structure minimise cracking, it is not possible to guarantee the roof to be entirely free from haircracks, which might allow rain to penetrate. Water-proof coverings are therefore necessary for roofs which must be impermeable. Either roofing felt or asphalt may be used.

The problem of heat insulation of shell structure is similar to that of a normal reinforced concrete roof. The smaller thickness of slab used makes little difference to the heat transmission. Without adding any insulating material, the heat transmission would be about 0.8 BTU/sq. ft. per hour/deg. F. Where additional resistance is required any of the standard methods can be adopted. One of the simplest is the use of building board as permanent shuttering on the underside. Half-inch soft board will reduce the transmissions by half.

Roof lighting can be incorporated either in the form of patent glazing or concrete and glass lights. These can be of almost any size and shape. While they can be placed in any position, it is usually most convenient and efficient to put them at the crown of the barrel.

Patent glazing allows more light to enter than glass lenses, but the latter are valuable in that they diffuse the light more evenly. The good quality of the lighting is a particular feature of shell buildings, which are free from tie members and other obstructions. The reduction in lighting area necessary is useful in reducing heat losses. An area of lighting equal to 1/4th of the floor area is sufficient for most purposes.

### Ventilation

Louvres can be incorporated in the design of the roof limits to provide natural ventilation. This can also be achieved by louvred panels in the end frames or standard type extractors through the roof.

Normal concrete and concreting methods can be adopted for shell work. Three-quarters of an inch aggregate is suitable, although the maximum size is often reduced to 1/2 in. for the roof slabs. Grading and type of aggregate should be selected to ensure good workability, as many of the sections are small. High-grade cement is usually called for. For small spans a 1:2:4 mix is sufficient, but for large spans richer mixes are used.

And in the majority of concrete work, normal mild steel round reinforcement is usually the simplest to use. The fixing is easy and relatively cheap, although at first glance the detailing appears

An entirely new building material which can be sprayed on to wire mesh, and sets within fifty minutes, has been developed by the British firm of C. and T. Painters Ltd. of London. The material, "Pyroc", is made from lime, cement and Vermiculite. It is non-cracking and will stick to wood or metal; it sets hard, but it will take nails or screws and can be cut with an ordinary saw. For use on the outside of buildings it can be made waterproof, but in its normal state it is absorbent so that no condensation occurs in the most "muggy" weather. Any necessary repair can be made with the spray gun, and a wall of only three hours is necessary before the sprayed-on material can be painted. The combination of Pyroc with wire mesh may well mean new shapes for our homes with their main shells completed at a fraction of their present day cost. The most important feature of the material, apart from its adaptability to all forms of building, is that it is fireproof. So low is Pyroc in heat-conduction that a blow-lamp may be played against one side of a section one inch thick, and a man can hold his hand against the other side without discomfort. A thickness of three inches of the material round a steel girder will prevent the girder sagging and bending in a burning building.

The picture shows The Pyroc treated side of a structure stands undamaged, although the petrol-soaked furniture in it has gutted away. The untreated side has collapsed, completely gutted. Below is shown the technique of building a Pyroc wall.

complicated. Much of the reinforcement is in straight lengths, and in the shell slab the small diameter bars used can be curved on the roof as they are fixed. Several layers of reinforcement are used in the slab, some to take the bending stresses in the shell, while normally trajectory bars are used following the lines of the principal tensile stresses. Where the latter are small, it is possible to reinforce with a mesh of steel, but this is not appreciably cheaper, and is less useful in preventing cracks.

### Clean Lines

Although shell construction can be used with any structural material, it is the only method by which large areas can be covered economically with concrete. A concrete shell structure has all the attributes of concrete construction such as permanence, strength against accidental damage, resistance to fire and lack of upkeep costs. The clean lines which may be obtained have both psychological and hygienic advantages. No greater constructional height is needed than with other forms of construction. Good lighting and insulation can readily be obtained. Point loads applied to the structure are not a danger as with many other types of roof. Economy of material is obtained, especially steel as compared with the weight necessary for a steel structure. No special materials or methods of construction, other than those normally used in reinforced concrete work, are necessary. Whilst the designs should be entrusted to an engineer specialising in the design of such structures, the work on the side can be carried out by any reputable contractor used to dealing with reinforced concrete work.

As the potentialities of shell construction are becoming more widely known, increasing interest is being shown in its development for many types of building. Present conditions restrict many projects, but the low steel weight required for shell construction compared with that for steel de-

signs has enabled a number of buildings to proceed. The factor which ensures the extended use of shell in the future is the pleasing, often impressive, appearance of the completed structure, which renders it attractive both to the designer and building owner.

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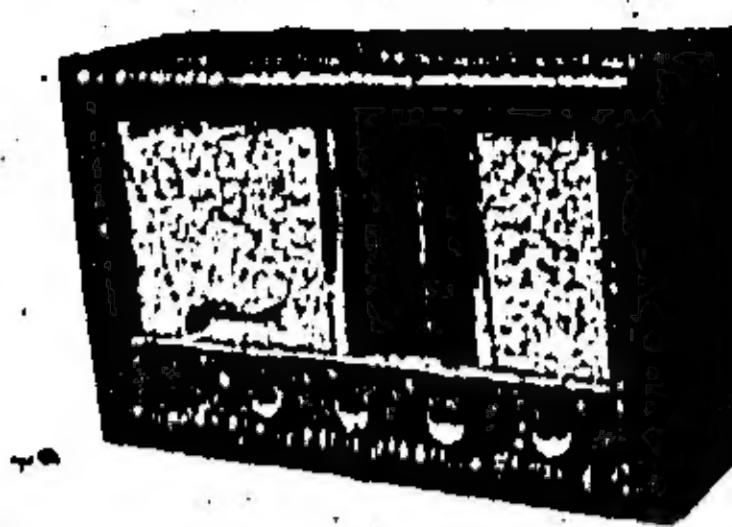
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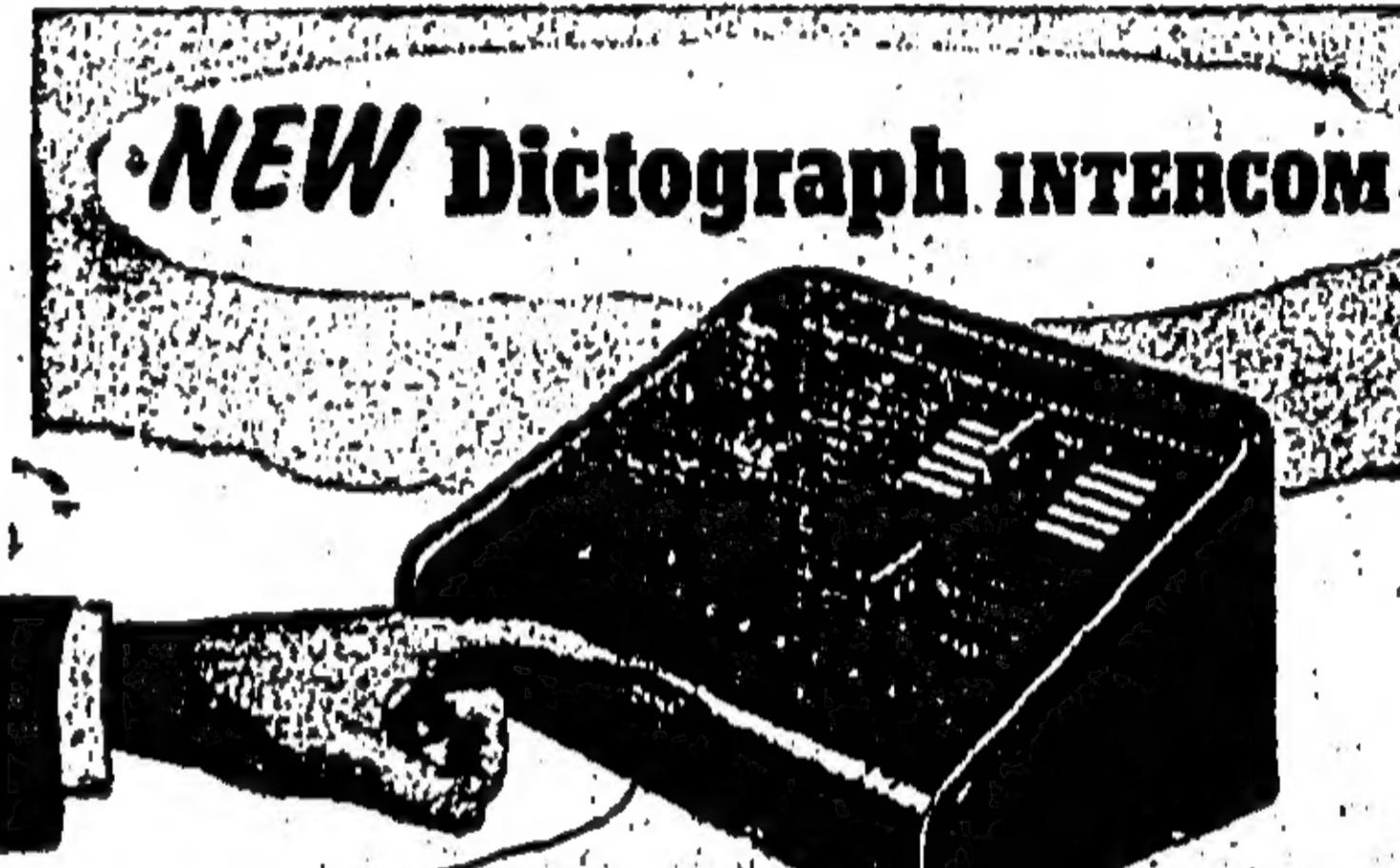
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Invasion Hangs Fire: Expected "Soon"  
Conflicting News  
From PalestinePrincess  
Sentenced

Brussels, Apr. 27.

Princess Alexandra Obolensky, 32-year-old, Russian princess, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment by a military court today for trading with the German Army during the war.

She was described in evidence as being the head of a gang of seven collaborators who sold £1,500,000 worth of woolen goods and liquors to the Germans. Her share of the profits was stated to have been £51,000.—Reuters.

Trustee  
Proposal  
Decision

Lake Success, Apr. 27.

The United Nations Political Committee today agreed to discuss the United States proposal for trusteeship in Palestine. The discussion was taken by a vote of 38 to seven, with seven abstentions.

M. Andrel Gromyko, of Russia, led the opposition to discussion of the American proposal, which was still only in the form of a working paper.

South Africa, Belgium, Brazil, Norway and Spain all argued in favour of consideration of the plan. Britain, Australia, Chile, Guatemala, Bolivia, Venezuela and Uruguay abstained from voting.

The Soviet Union, the Ukraine, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Byelo-Russia and Halti voted against.

Uruguay proposed that, owing to the lack of information on trusteeship, a sub-committee should be appointed for discussions with the Palestine Commission, Britain, the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine. The sub-committee should report back to the Political Committee, he said.

The Political Committee then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuters.

## KNUDSEN DEAD

Detroit, Apr. 27.

The death of Mr. William S. Knudsen, a former Danish immigrant who organised America's industrial front during the war, was hastened by his tremendous efforts in building up wartime production, his friends said here today.

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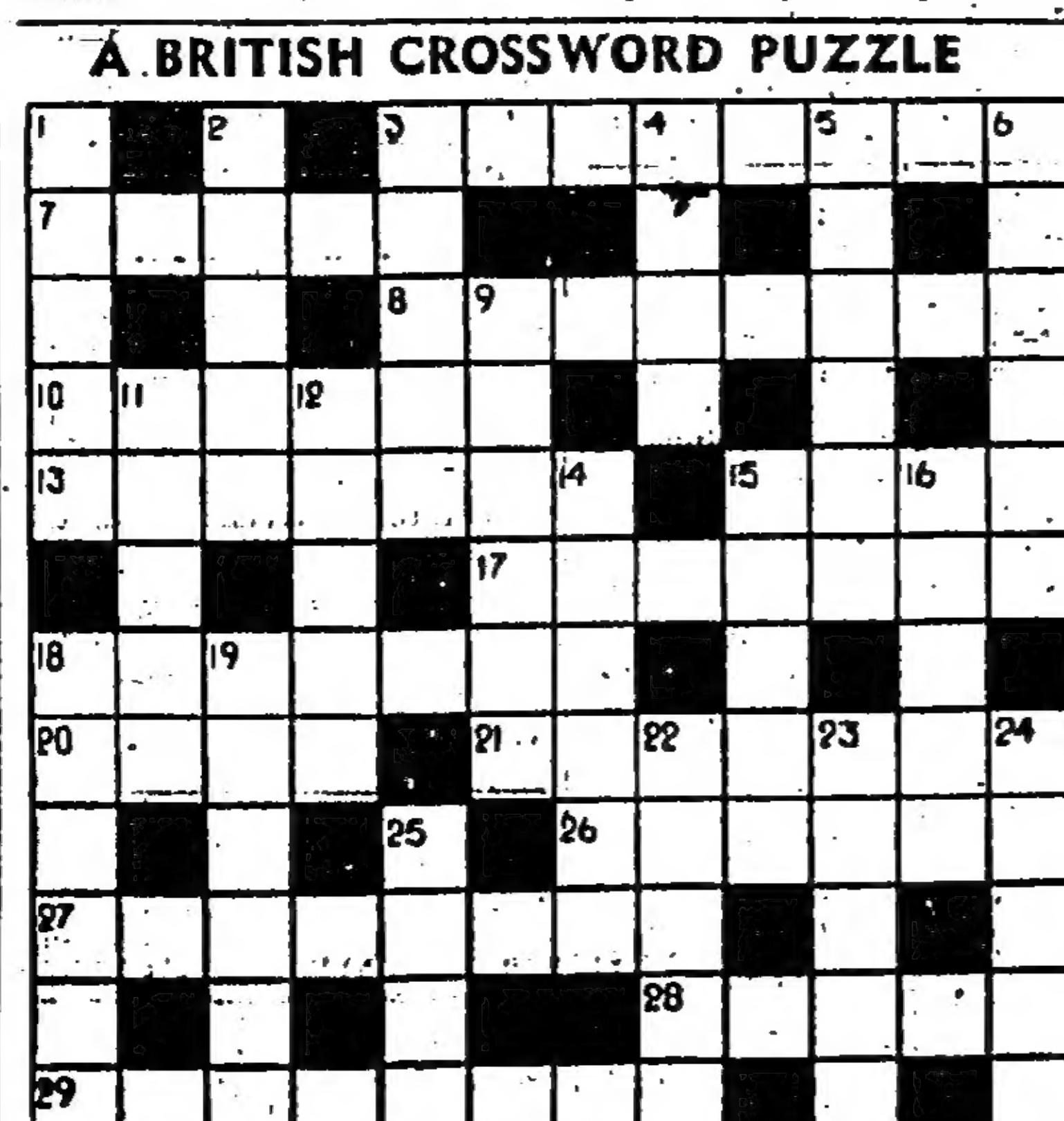
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## Clues Across

- 3 Huge. 18 Widow.
- 7 Big. 20 Observes.
- 8 Desiring. 21 Sagged.
- 9 carelessly. 22 Dull.
- 10 Meat. 23 Unsaf.
- 11 Beg. 24 Discharges.
- 12 Skim. 25 Endure.
- 13 Remainer. 26 Fixedly.
- 14 Acrostic. 27 Blow with the fist.
- 15 Access. 28 Topes.
- 16 Doubt. 29 Extreme.
- 17 Rester. 30 Flight.
- 18 Widow. 31 Mark of a wound.
- 19 Sure. 32 Com.
- 20 Vague. 33 Senator.
- 21 Alter. 34 Devote.
- 22 Clear. 35 Oracle.
- 23 Scarce. 36 Brute.
- 24 Again. 37 Transfer.
- 25 Prior. 38 Restored.
- 26 Reared. 39 Partner.
- 27 Never. 40 Scupper.
- 28 Prior. 41 Casino.
- 29 Read. 42 Lager.

## Clues Down

- 1 Blaze up. 15 Turning point.
- 2 Crawled. 16 Entices.
- 3 Stop. 17 Stot.
- 4 Leave out. 18 Refrain.
- 5 Tarnished. 19 Stot-like animal.
- 6 Ambassador. 20 Ambassador.
- 7 Gazed. 22 Fat.
- 8 Fixedly. 23 Blow with the fist.
- 9 Relish. 24 Stupid.
- 10 Extreme. 25 Mark of a wound.
- 11 Skim. 26 Flight.
- 12 Topes. 27 Blow with the fist.
- 13 Remainer. 28 Mark of a wound.
- 14 Acrostic. 29 Extreme.
- 15 Access. 30 Flight.
- 16 Doubt. 31 Mark of a wound.
- 17 Rester. 32 Com.
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- 27 Never. 42 Lager.
- 28 Prior. 43 Skim.
- 29 Read. 44 Topes.

## Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1 Access, 6 Doubt, 8 Lever, 9 Remain, 10 Vague, 11 Magic, 12 Sure, 13 Alter, 14 Poster, 15 Scarce, 20 Clear, 22 Knot, 23 Stops, 25 Again, 27 Never, 28 Prior, 29 Read.

Down: 1 Acrostic, 2 Com., 3 Skim, 4 Senator, 5 Oracle, 6 Brute, 7 Transfer, 8 Restored, 10 Partner, 17 Scupper, 19 Casino, 21 Lager, 24 Skim.

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## ARRIVALS

From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	22nd May	m.v. "BALI"
	12th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

## SAILINGS

For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	17th June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "BENGAL"
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Washington, Apr. 27.

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The plan is based on the findings of Under-Secretary of the Army William Draper and the Industrial Commission which recently visited Japan.

Sources here are unable to say just what is included in the project. However, there is expected to be an overall proposal placing Japan on a self-supporting basis, long desired by the Army and the Japanese people themselves.

The Draper report was based generally on the belief Japan must be given substantial economic assistance after the Japanese prove their own capacity for industrial rehabilitation, authorities said.

These sources said many of Draper's observations coincided with policies expressed publicly by MacArthur. This was particularly true concern-

ing the necessity for removal of economic restrictions that are considered to be hampering industrial revival.

Further Missions

The Draper report was made separately without taking into consideration the Pauley and Stike reports on reparations and economics. Now these sources said, officials in Washington are trying to adjust the Draper findings with a recent report of overseas consultants.

It could not be ascertained whether the Draper mission agreed completely with the views of overseas consultants regarding the amount of industrial potential that should be left in Japan. In any case, these sources said, a final decision on the reparations policy would not be reached for some time. Further missions may be sent to Japan to consider this difficult question, they indicated.

The sources indicated the Draper report supported a plan for permitting Japan a sufficiently large commercial fleet to aid in economic rehabilitation. Figures are not available, but the importance of merchant shipping to the future of the Japanese export business is fully recognised here.

The whole tone of the report, the sources said, coincided with Draper's comments in Tokyo that the Japanese would be assisted but would be required to prove beforehand they were doing the maximum to help themselves.

Officials here said the Japanese had been "too optimistic" during Draper's visit regarding the amount of assistance that could be expected.—Associated Press.

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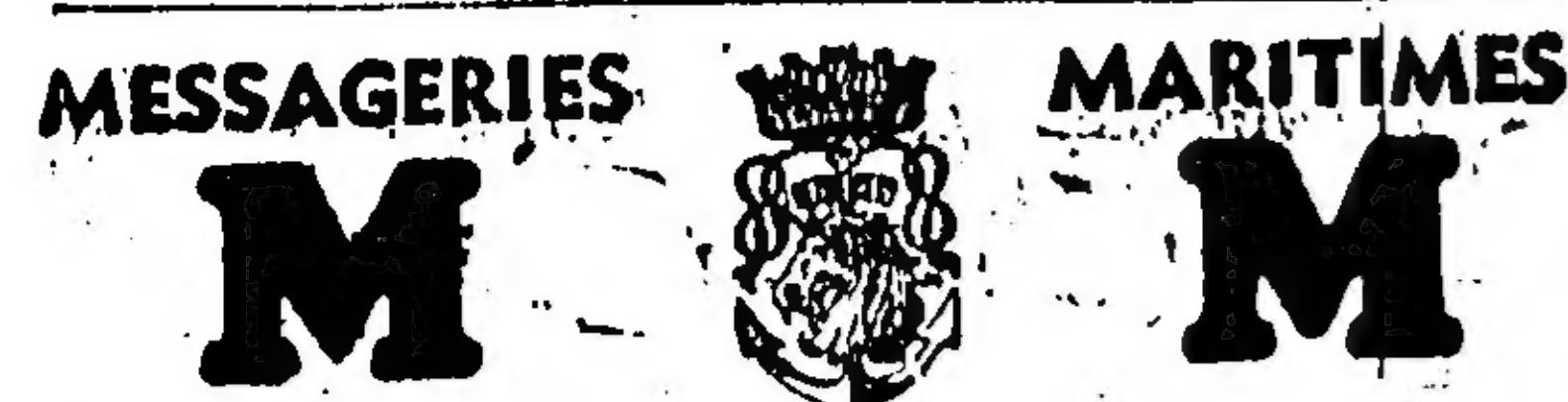
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## Shipping Arrivals

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ANDREW JACKSON (Wallens) American, 1810' tows ex-Manila, Capt. Neville, D.G.A.

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CHRISTINE MAERSK (Johens) 8,024 tons, ex-New York, K. Wh.

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TODAY

GLENNTHAR (Jardine) from London via Bratislava

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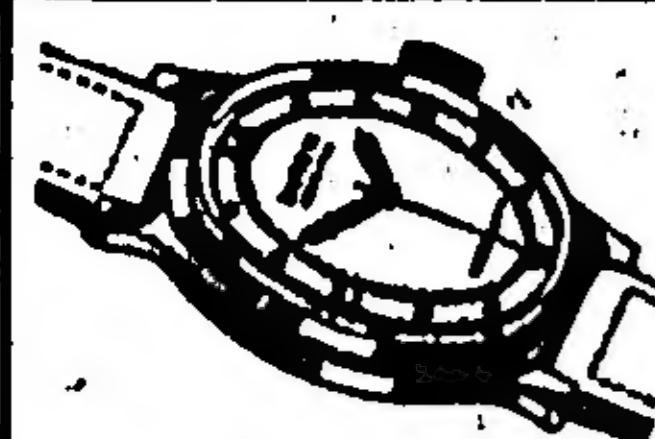
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# CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1948.

## REDUCTION IN CARGO THEFTS MAINTAINED

### Seafarers' Festival

Members of the Chinese community, particularly sailors and those whose livelihood is connected with the sea, will observe the birthday of the Goddess of Heaven (Tin Hau) on Saturday, May 1.

The patron saint of all Chinese seamen, and shrines, dedicated to this deity, are situated at different points along the China Coast.

It is commonly believed by Chinese seamen that Tin Hau possesses the power to calm stormy seas. It is not uncommon to see Chinese seamen on board a vessel leaving port bearing paper offerings at the stern to Tin Hau.

On Tin Hau's birthday, many Chinese in Hong Kong will make a pilgrimage to Tseki Wan outside Lyemun Pass, where a large Goddess of Heaven Temple is situated. The Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Co., Ltd., will run special ferries, while numbers of junks, gaily bedecked, will also make the trip.

Record crowds are expected at the Goddess of Heaven Temple at Tai Hang, just above King's Slipway.

Poss paper shops are displaying a large assortment of paper articles which will be burnt at the Temple when offerings of roast pig and other foodstuffs will be made.

### Love Letter Writer

To meet the needs of any bashful and illiterate young Chinaman maiden who lacks the eloquence with which to turn the head and heart of the one she loves, a member of the fair sex has established herself in business as a writer of love letters.

On payment of a mere 20 cents, the woman undertakes to write a billet doux which is guaranteed to send the Prince Charming to whom it is addressed into raptures of delight and irreversibly to win his heart for the fair maiden by whom it is sent.

The pitch where the enterprising young letter writer has set herself up in business is located in Wanchai Road in the vicinity of the Cathay Theatre.

### Canton Curfew

Curfew will be enforced in Canton city without any warning from next month, according to messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

The measure has been adopted to cope with emergencies arising from political or other disturbances.

Government and private organisations in the city have been requested to apply for curfew passes for their vehicles and staff before the end of the month.

### Symington's Plea For US Air Force

Washington, Apr. 28.

The Air Secretary, W. Stuart Symington, told Congress today that Russia will have the atomic bomb before the United States has an adequate Air Force unless work on the Air Force is begun "this year."

Arguing for the House- approved 70-group air force, Symington told the Senate Appropriations Committee, "We should think in terms of our only possible enemy, and the only thing that Russians are afraid of is a great Air Force. They are building it as fast as they can and that is the only way they can get at us and the only way we can get at them today."

He told the Committee, "If you don't start building this year you will never have a modern Air Force by the time the Russians get 'the bomb'."

Symington and other Air Force leaders fought another round in the battle for a 70-group Air Force despite objections of the Defence Secretary, James Forrestal.

Both Symington and General Carl A. Spaatz, retiring Air Chief of Staff, told the sub-committee that they are in favour of the 60-group air force plan plugged by Forrestal on Monday. But they made it crystal clear under committee questioning that they feel a larger 70-group air strength is vital to the nation's security.

Symington denied that the money voted to expand the Air Force from the present 60

reduction in cargo thefts had been maintained, and the reputation of Hong Kong in that respect was higher than that of any other port in the Far East, declared Mr. D. F. Landale, Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. yesterday.

Directors present were; D. F. Landale (Chairman), Messrs. H. D. Benham, L. Kadoorie, M. K. Lo, N. O. C. Marsh, A. C. Offenberg, A. H. Penn, R. K. Valentine, T. B. Wilson (Directors) and C. E. Terry Secretary.

The chairman said:

"During the year, we handled a total of 634 vessels, which discharged 646,000 tons of cargo. Although the total is slightly less than for 1946, the number of vessels shows an increase of just over 50%, which is a satisfactory indication of post-war re-establishment of merchant shipping."

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#### "Things That Go Bump" Ha

### Not Enough "Bumps"

My main quarrel with this pleasant little comedy thriller was that there were not nearly enough "Bumps". I longed to have my narrow chilled and my blood curdled, and when the stage was conveniently left dark in Act II and the whole company trooped off to bed, my hopes quickened.

But alas, the bump was over all too quickly, the lights blazed, and everyone rushed on again in dressing gowns, and back we went to Brenda, the pretty four-maid, and her love affairs which had occupied quite a lot of Act I. Yes, I am inclined to suspect that Brenda really stole the play. For she really came alive and as played by Mavis Barlett, she just was an enchanting idiotic emotional little baggage, and her preposterous flirtations with the butler, two footmen, Lieut. Commander Freddie Plumpton R.N. (with a stray pass or two at the Admiral) so enthralled us that it was difficult to become properly interested in the rather colourless young Frenchman (John Randall) who turned up before dinner in this innocent house-party to meet (in strict secrecy and with everyone's knowledge) the breezy Lieut. Commander and to entrust to him (how clever of you to guess) plans for a secret weapon.

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capacity has been erected on the site of our old godown No. 6, which was destroyed during hostilities, and two further godowns to take the place of demolished buildings on our Kowloon Point property will be completed in about a month's time. Our specially constructed dangerous goods godowns at Yaumati have been filled to capacity during the year, and construction of further accommodation for this type of cargo is under consideration."

"Reconstruction of our West Point Wharf has been completed with the exception of part of the superstructure, and this old established facility for the coastal trade is once again in operation."

"We are still able to turn a ship round in Hong Kong quicker than in